

## Procedures to Minimise Risks

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1. An **emergency evacuation plan** is in place in the laboratory, a copy of which is displayed prominently in the entryway to the laboratory; another copy is located in the main teaching lab ([map](#)). Students are instructed on how to leave the building safely should an emergency occur
2. If a student exhibits signs of **respiratory distress**, attributable to chemicals used in the laboratory, the student will be required to wear a protective mask when attending subsequent classes.
3. Students are required to wear **protective eyewear** at all times while using specimens in the laboratory. If a student should get foreign material in their eye, appropriate eye-washing solution and apparatus is available in the laboratory. Completion of an accident report is mandatory.
4. Students do not routinely use dissection instruments in the lab, so injury through **stabbing accidents** is unlikely. However, students should be aware, when using cadaveric specimens, that sharp ends of bone may find a probing finger before they are seen. On occasion, lecturing staff may undertake dissection during an instructional session. On such occasions, students are warned to be careful of sharps and if appropriate, instruction is given concerning their safe use.
5. Students are instructed in the correct method for **lifting specimens**. Heavy or awkward specimens requires two individuals.
6. Occasionally a student may feel **unwell while in the lab**. If this occurs let someone know and if able, go outside in the fresh air, preferably with a companion. If a fainting feeling is experienced, also let someone know, sit down, on the floor, if necessary, as uncontrolled fainting can result in serious injury. If you notice someone who appears unwell, please assist them.
7. Students are required to wear **covered-in shoes at all times**. Students who do not wear appropriate footwear will be required to rectify the situation.
8. **Chemical spills** on clothes are prevented by wearing green gowns ([link to Risk Avoidance](#)). Should chemicals come into contact with skin, students are instructed to wash the affected area thoroughly. Contact with skin is further prevented by wearing appropriate footwear (see 7 above).
9. The **gloves** used in the laboratory are of good quality. If there is concern about leakage, students are instructed to double glove.
10. All cadavers are screened for **HIV and Hepatitis B**. In addition, students must wear gloves at all times when handling human material.
11. Students are required to **wash their hands thoroughly before leaving the laboratory**.

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